s. No.	Year	Public Investment	Private Investment
1.	93-94	4468	11377
2.	94-95	4970	13244
3.	95-96	4776	15168
4.	96-97	4347	15555
5.	97-98	4416	16579

—(SOURCE=Economy Survey 1998-99)

The above data reveals that although public investment declined from the year 1994-95 upto 1996-97, yet it increased during the year 1997-98 as compared to the investment in 1996-97.

(d) The Government is implementing inter-alia, following schemes for increasing investment in Agriculture:

(i) Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) initiated in 1996-97 for providing assistance to States by way of loan for timely completion of selected large and multi-purpose irrigation projects.

(ii) Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) within the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development established in 1995-96.

(iii) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) launched in 1990-91 for a holistic and sustainable development of vast rainfed areas.

Target of production of foodgrains

1552. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for the production of foodgrains during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) what has been the achievements during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(c) the prospects for 1999-2000; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase agriculture production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The targets set for the production of foodgrains for 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 were 200.00, 204.00 and 210.00 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The achievements accomplished during 1997-98 and 1998-99 were 192.43 and 202.54 million tonnes respectively.

(c) According to advance estimates, the production of kharif foodgrains during 1999-2000 is likely to be 102.70 million tonnes. Rabi foodgrains crops are still in sowing stages. Its prospects are tracked sometimes in the month of January every year.

(d) to increase production and productivity of agriculture crops, the Government is implementing centrally sponsored Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System area, Accelerated Maze Development programme, National Pulses Development Project, Intensive Cotton Development Programme, Special Jute Development Programme and Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System. Under these programme/projects, incentives are provided to farmers for use of high yielding varieties of seeds, application of integrated pest management, propagation of scientific water management including micro irrigation, improved farm implements. Besides, field demonstration of farmers' holding including training of farmers and farm labourers are organised for effective transfer of technology.

Integrated Co-operative Development Programme

1553. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centrally-sponsored Integrated Cooperative Development Programme is being implemented in North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the district-wise details of areas covered under the programme so far; and

(c) the number of people benefited under the programme in those areas so far?